

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1754 - SB 1833

January 27, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands, from grades nine through twelve to kindergarten through twelve, the grade levels that an applicant with certain postsecondary teaching experience who receives a teaching license from the Department of Education (DOE) is eligible to teach.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-5-112 establishes certain eligibility requirements for applicants seeking a postsecondary educator (PSE) license who have been a full-time or part-time college professor or instructor and that complete all exams required for licensure.
- The proposed legislation expands the grade levels in which an applicant under this section may teach and will require the State Board of Education (SBE) to modify existing licensure, rules, and policies to reflect the new grade span.
- According to DOE, in 2021 the Department processed 45,454 licensure-related transactions in the licensure management system TN Compass. In the past five years, DOE received fewer than 10 applications for the PSE license.
- Due to the historically low amount of PSE licensure applications received by DOE, expanding the grade levels for teaching with a PSE license is not expected to significantly increase the amount of applications that DOE will receive.
- SBE will be able to modify its rules and policies to reflect the proposed changes to the PSE license within existing resources and during the normal course of business.
- Any impact to state or local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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